

Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church  
Private

The Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, now the United Methodist Church was built in 1891. The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance is located in the second bay. It consists of a double wooden panelled door with centre ogee transom filled with three pane transom. A small portico or entrance porch extends over the main entrance covered with a standing seam tin roof and supported by wooden brackets. Occupying the remaining bays are 4/4 original windows framed by original wooden louvered shutters. The windows are crowned by pedimented wooden lintels.

The entire structure rests on a stone rubble foundation. In the southeast corner is a cornerstone inscribed Mount Zion ME Church, 1891. The structure is covered by a fishscale pattern slate roof supported by decorative wooden brackets. A centre bell tower crowned by a steeple and cross are connected to the slate roof.

The building of Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church represented the growth in the McKaig area from its earliest structure Fairview Methodist Church, a small stone meetinghouse. The church is significant for its religious and social associations with the community since its erection in 1891. Architecturally it is an example of rural eclectic architecture with various features of interest such as the centre ogee transom, unique to churches in this area of Frederick County.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East Side of Mckaig Road

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth M59/P

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

☒ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME Mount Zion Congregation of the  
United Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

McKaig Road

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

F-8-22

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Mount Zion United Methodist Church, a one and a half story frame structure, faces west from the east side of McKaig Road.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance is located in the second bay. It consists of a double wooden panelled door with centre ogee transom filled with a three pane transom. A small portico or entrance porch extends over the main entrance covered with a standing seam tin roof. It is supported by wooden brackets.

Occupying the remaining bays are 4/4 original windows framed by original wooden louvered shutters. The windows are crowned by pedimented wooden lintels.

The entire structure rests on a stone rubble foundation. In the southeast corner is a cornerstone inscribed Mount Zion ME Church, 1891. The structure is covered by a scalloped or fishscale pattern slate roof supported by wooden brackets. A row of cast iron snow stops lie above the thin cornice line.

Connected to the slate roof is a single, centre bell tower crowned by a steeple and topped with a cross. The steeple features the church bell intact. Four plain columns support the steeple. Plain wooden railing is found in between the supporting columns.

The structure is covered with white asbestos shingles covering the original frame exterior. One brick chimney rises from the east gable end of the structure. An iron vent or stove chimney rises from the center of the structure. A one story cement block addition is located to the rear of the structure.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES	1891	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, a frame structure covered with asbestos shingles was built in 1891. The church represented a move of the McKaig congregation from a smaller structure located on Boyer's Mill Road. Fairview Methodist Protestant Church had served the community from the early nineteenth century. The building of a second church represented the growth of McKaig and of the surrounding area.

Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church has been in continual use since its erection in 1891. The structure is significant as a meeting place and religious center for the McKaig area. Architecturally the structure is significant as an example of rural architecture and its characteristic combination of various architectural features such as the unique centre ogee transom in a simplified structure.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

8/27/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

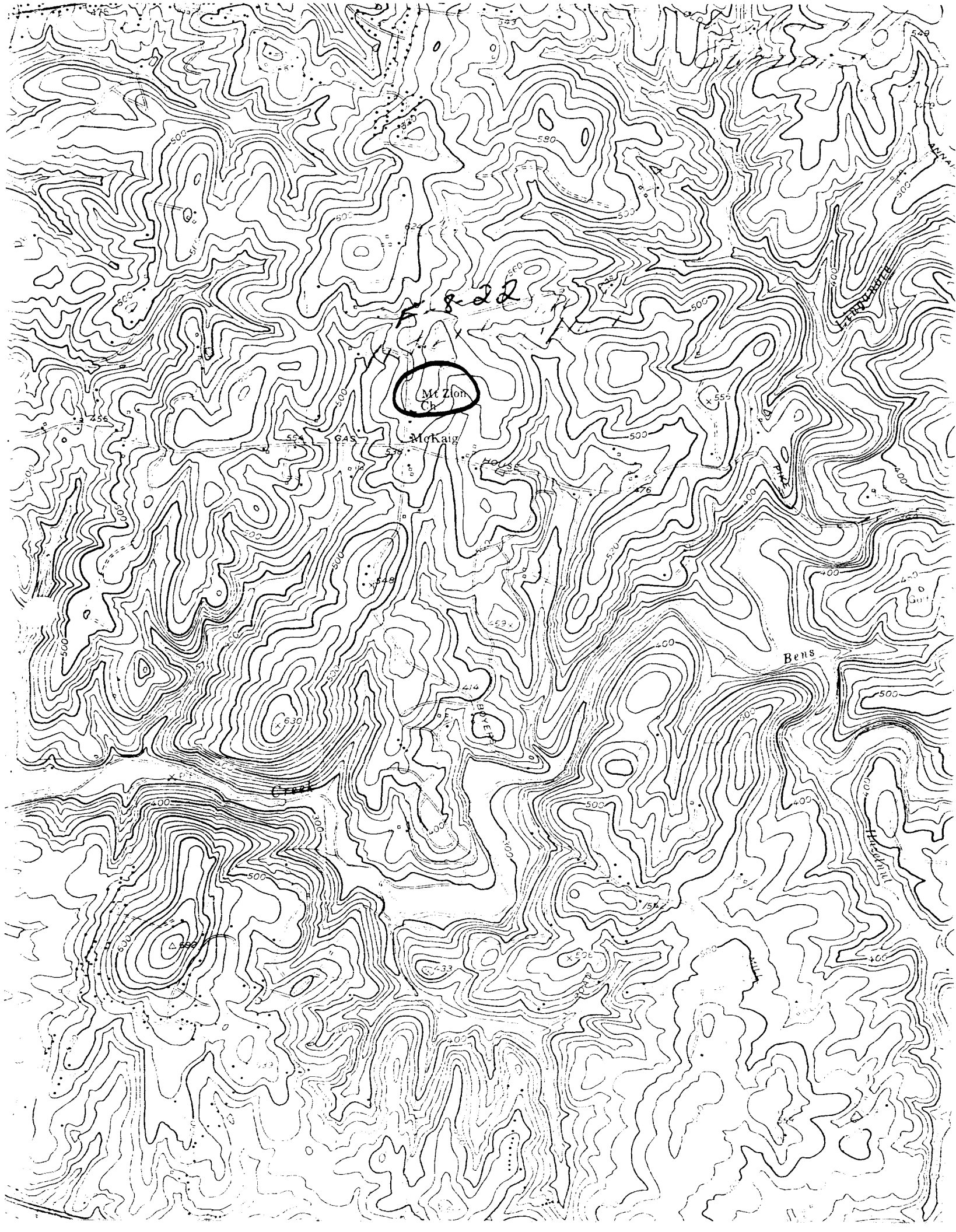
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Mount Zion United

Methodist Church

northwest elevation

DES 6/15/79

e/s McKaig Rd





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Mount Zion United  
Methodist Church  
west elevation

detail/entrance

DES 6/15/19

e/s McKaug Rd.